

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert at page 1, line 9 as follows:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert at page 8, line 3 as follows:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert at page 25, line 23 as follows:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS AND EXAMPLES**

Page 26, line 1, amend to read:

following non-limiting examples, and with reference to Figure 1 which shows  
plasmid pCFD30 used in displacement assays.